

**MINUTES OF THE 12 SEPTEMBER 2003**  
**AREA COMMANDER'S QUALITY OF LIFE POLICY BOARD**

1. Mr. Jim Thomas, Quality of Life Director, Naval Postgraduate School, opened the meeting at 0904 on Friday, 12 September 2003, in the La Novia Room, Herrmann Hall, Naval Postgraduate School (NPS). He then asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Chaplain Clifford made a motion to approve the minutes as written, and all the members seconded. Mr. Thomas asked the members to introduce themselves.

2. Area Commander's Quality Of Life Policy Board Attendees

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email Address</u>
Jim Thomas	Quality of Life Director/NPS	656-2432	<u>jrthomas@nps.navy.mil</u>
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3. Old Business

a. None

4. New Business

a. Chaplain Clifford. Provided feedback from an informal poll that he took of the NPS students. They brought up several issues about the quality of life at NPS, which included the following suggestions:

- open the swimming pool, or subsidize swimming at the Monterey Sports Center

- provide daycare for the gym so that spouses can go after hours
- have a pedestrian gate in addition to the one gate
- reinstitute the shuttle
- provide movies on the weekends
- extend the time to clear housing after graduation
- increase check cashing amounts from \$200 to \$400-\$500, which is what the others services provide
- rent bikes from MWR

There seems to be a lack of communication because many of the comments were topics that had been discussed before, but these students didn't have any understanding of that. Maybe we need to do more SPAM or a weekly email POD to faculty civilians and military.

Mr. Thomas informed the members that MWR has revised their website and are intending to marginally replace the Peacock Press with real-time updates through the website. This will enable MWR to publish current information regarding movies, events, specials, policies, etc., to everyone.

Mr. Thomas briefed the members on the status of the RCI project. Because of the increase in interest rates, the RCI is \$46M short, which has affected some of the decisions made during the original planning including the cancellation of the shuttle.

Chaplain Clifford stressed that there is a lack of communication within the command. He suggested publishing weekly updates to all staff and students and providing links to recent changes.

One of the members suggested redesigning the NPS Intranet homepage, e.g., items for the day, items for tomorrow, schedules, etc.

b. Scott Jasper. Mr. Jasper asked about the long-range plans for the NPS golf course. He commented that the grass has a lot of brown areas.

Mr. Thomas provided information on the status of the irrigation project. He submitted a request to BUPERS for a new irrigation project and more water. BUPERS agreed to fund the project if MWR locates an alternate water source. A study has been conducted and Mr. Thomas provided the results and recommendations. He reported that the well just broke down and they have no water,

except that they have worked out an agreement with the fairgrounds to buy water.

c. Patricia Shearon. Provided information on current sales.

d. CAPT Davenport. The clinic now has more providers than they have spaces for them. DLI has had a rebuilding plan to increase the clinic space, either to put an addition on the building, build a new building, or refurbish the existing space. We don't have a provider problem right now, but it is that there is not enough space for the providers. If you are aware of any people having problems getting access, have complaints, etc., please let me know and I can help field solutions to those.

e. LCDR Nemecc. We have more students that are awaiting classes than we have class seats available when they first report on board. So we are hovering at around 100. Our time awaiting seems to have been reduced. It was at about five months.

She also mentioned that she has just become aware that MWR is no longer providing the Monterey Sports Complex subsidy. She asked if there is any possibility of this being reestablished?

Mr. Thomas responded. We just started this program about 14 months ago because MWR had some appropriated fund money to use. The entire Navy's budget has gone from \$273 billion to \$170 billion from FY03 to FY05. So due to budget cuts, we have had to discontinue the program. Last year we spent \$85M to do the re-design of the pool, but that money was swept away. Many pools are being closed Navy-wide because they generally can't be afforded with the cuts. This is the same for the sailing programs. Many of our program fees have had to be increased due to the budget cuts.

We still do have funds for renovations of the La Novia Room and El Prado Room. We will be renovating the La Novia Room beginning 27 November for several weeks to paint the walls, baseboards, etc. When we renovate the El Prado Room (estimated start date is January 2004), we will be replacing the carpet in the La Novia Room with the same carpet as the El Prado Room. The El Prado Room renovation will include creating a coffee area in the existing food service area and the food service area will be moved towards the direct center of the room. There will be new carpeting, tables, chairs, wall fixtures, and a new lighting system.

The superintendent has directed the Marina to no longer rent sailboats due to budget cuts, but only to rent slips. The NPS Foundation is providing assistance to organize renting slips by

trying to get with the local sailing community to come up with a concessionaire agreement.

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